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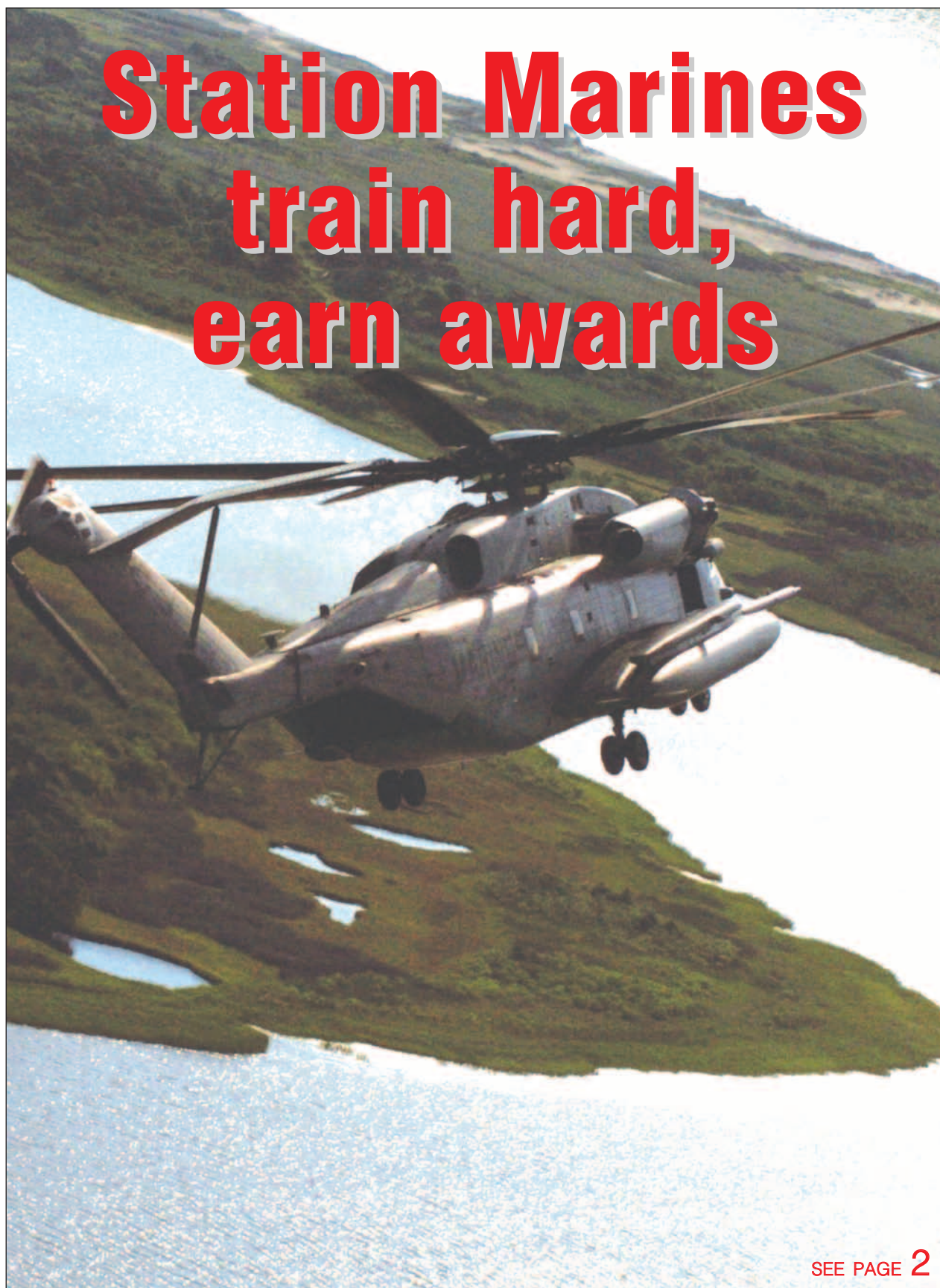
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### New male SNCO blues

General William L. Nyland, the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps and Sgt. Maj. John L. Estrada, the sergeant major of the Marine Corps, have directed that another survey be conducted regarding the adoption of the new male staff noncommissioned officer evening dress uniform.

Go to [www.marcorssyscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub](http://www.marcorssyscom.usmc.mil/sites/mcub), "Ongoing Surveys" and "SNCO Evening Dress Survey." Click the link to cast your vote. The survey is active now through Thursday.

### Rod and gun club meeting

The Camp Lejeune Rod and Gun Club is conducting a conservation meeting at the Club House located on Main Service Road at 6 p.m. July 21 and a hunter safety class on Aug. 20 and 21.

Class seats for the hunter safety class must be reserved in advance. It is a free class, and all course materials will be provided.

For more information, contact Bob Lachapelle at 455-5452 or via e-mail at [rlachapelle@ec.rr.com](mailto:rlachapelle@ec.rr.com).

### Driver safety meeting

A Drivesafe/Safety Council Meeting is scheduled tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the Adjutant's Conference Room located on the 3rd deck, room 331, building AS-211.

Agenda items include, but are not limited to, traffic safety, motorcycle safety training and plans for Operation Wheels of Freedom scheduled for Aug. 21 - 28.

Address ideas or concerns to Marie Silence at 449-5440/5436.

### H&HS training updates

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron is conducting training operations on the following days and times:

Basic Skills Test at 1 p.m. on Aug. 1.

Gas chamber training at 1 p.m. on Aug. 4.

BST at 1 p.m. on Aug. 8.

Call Sgt. Harris at 449-7140 to schedule a training session or for more information.

### Sand Jam information

The Camp Lejeune Single Marine Program and HOT 96.3 and 103.7 is hosting the 8th Annual Sand Jam on Aug. 6 at Onslow Beach aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Gates open at 10 a.m., and the event concludes at 6 p.m. Sand Jam is free and open to the public.

Coolers, pets and glass are not allowed.

For more information, call 451-1347/5604 or visit [www.mcc-slejeune.com](http://www.mcc-slejeune.com).

### Education seminars

The local satellite campus of the Marine Corps College of Continuing Education is conducting a seminar program beginning in October to support students enrolled in either the Expeditionary Warfare School or the Command and Staff distance education programs.

Seminars will meet here or MCB Camp Lejeune one night per week for two to three hours, and vary in length from 31 to 34 weeks depending on the program.

For further information or to sign up for the seminar program, contact the Regional Coordinator at DSN 751-9309 or e-mail at [james.r.wheeler.ctr@usmc.mil](mailto:james.r.wheeler.ctr@usmc.mil).

### Membership Campaign

Sixty lucky club members, four from each installation, won \$500 credits on their Marine Corps Club Membership accounts at the conclusion of this year's Marine Corps "Benefits You've Earned" Club Membership drive. The drive was held from April 15 through June 24.

The 2005 New River Membership Campaign winners

are: Maj. William E. Sauls, Capt. Jeremie N. Hester, 1st Lt. Bart A. Betik and retired Chief Warrant Officer Guy M. Miller.

### Flight line driving classes

Air field driving classes are conducted every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at Station Operations in building AS-843. Call Cpl. Toon at 449-6311 or 449-6316.

These licenses are required for all personnel operating a government vehicle on the flight line.

### Additional MGIB benefits

New legislation affecting participants in the Montgomery GI Bill program was recently enacted.

Active duty members whose original federal education benefit program is the MGIB program may make an additional contribution of up to \$600 to receive an increased monthly benefit.

The MGIB benefit will increase by \$1 for 36 months for each additional \$4 contributed.

For example, if a member contributes the entire \$600 additional amount, the monthly MGIB benefit increases by \$150 per month.

The current MGIB benefit for full-time school enrollment for veterans is \$650 per month. This additional contribution would result in a total MGIB monthly benefit of \$800.

The transitional recruiting

### Transition to reserve force

office assists Marines who are getting out, but would like to remain in a reserve status.

Some of the benefits include promotion points, bonus money and lateral moving military occupational specialties.

For more information, contact the transitional recruiters at Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune and Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C., by calling 451-1536 or 449-5465.

### On the cover

A CH-53E Super Stallion flies safely over the New River on July 19. Several squadrons and Marines here recently earned Chief of Naval Operations and Marine Corps Aviation Association 2d Marine Aircraft Wing awards for aviation safety and performance. See pages 4 and 6 for more information.

### A (sergeant) major meeting



Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola

(From left to right) Sergeant Maj. William H. Bly Jr., Marine Aircraft Wing-29 sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Clifford L. Milton-Stewart, Marine Forces Atlantic sergeant major, and Sgt. Maj. Lewis L. Summerville, Station sergeant major, pose for a photo at the MAG-29 Headquarters building during Milton-Stewart's visit to the Station on July 21. Milton-Stewart has been the MARFORLANT sergeant major since April 2004.



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## Pace visits Afghanistan

Jim Garmone  
contributor

WASHINGTON -- When Gen. Peter Pace visited Afghanistan July 11 to 13, the gratitude of the people was proof to him that progress is being made in the country.

Pace, the vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, made his unannounced trip to Afghanistan primarily to thank servicemembers in the country, an official who traveled with him said.

"It is always good to see firsthand what is going on in a place," Col. Katie Haddock, the vice chairman's spokeswoman, said. "This was the general's first visit to the country since last November, and he was impressed with the progress he saw there. The markets are full; billboards are up advertising items; kids are going to school; there are vehicles on the streets; and there are repairs being made."

Pace met with Afghan President Hamid Karzai; Army Lt. Gen. Karl Eikenberry, the commander of Combined Forces Command Afghanistan; Turkish army Lt. Gen. Ethem Erdagi, International Security Assistance Force commander; and Army Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiyah, commander of Combined



courtesy photo

**General Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, talks to troops while visiting Forward Operating Base Langman, Afghanistan on July 13.**

Joint Task Force 76.

He visited U.S. and Afghan officials in Kabul, Bagram, and Forward Operating Base Langman.

Pace said he is impressed with the progress that has been made and the feeling in the populace. He said the mood is good in the country as the Sept. 18 national-assembly and provincial elections approach.



Pfc. Jonathan A. Tabb

**Colonel Mark D. Mahaffey, former commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group-29, takes his last flight aboard a Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461 CH-53E Super Stallion on July 12. Mahaffey piloted each of the Station aircraft on one last trip before leaving the "War**

## MAG-29 CO last flight

Pfc. Jonathan A. Tabb  
correspondent

Colonel Mark D. Mahaffey, former Marine Aircraft Group-29 commanding officer, and Reynoldsburg, Ohio native, took his last flight in a Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461, CH-53E Super Stallion helicopter here July 12.

Mahaffey and Lt. Col. Robert D. "Sofa" Pridgen, HMH-461 commanding officer from Aiken, S.C., piloted the aircraft.

Mahaffey relinquished command of MAG-29 on July 15, and his flight on the "53," was one of several last flights that included turns in a UH-1N Huey, a CH-46E Sea Knight and an AH-1W Super Cobra.

Though Mahaffey's original military occupational specialty is a Super Cobra pilot, as the CO of MAG-29, he had the opportunity to pilot each of the "War Eagles" aircraft.

"I have intentionally tried to fly every (aircraft) in the group," Mahaffey said. "The '46' squadrons heavily outnumber the '53' squadrons so I have had many more opportunities to pilot those. I would say I have piloted the '53' about a dozen times."

Mahaffey said of all the aircraft housed by MAG-29, he particularly enjoys flying the CH-53E.

"(The CH-53E) is the most heavily tasked aircraft in the Marine Corps because of its superior performance," Mahaffey explained. "Too many people look at the Osprey as just a '46' replacement. It will also buy back the service life of the '53.' With the MV-22 tasked, we will truly be able to utilize the '53' to provide heavy lift to the (Marine Air Ground Task Force).

According to Pridgen, the Marines of HMH-461 were excited to have Mahaffey on their aircraft.

"Having the Colonel fly with us is good for the Marines," he said. "They get an opportunity to show the 'Big Boss' their stuff."

"Our Marines are all about fixing and flying aircraft to support the mission no matter who calls or when," he added.

Pridgen said he has always respected Mahaffey's leadership styles and tactics.

"(Mahaffey) is a great commander whom I've had the pleasure to serve with since coming over to MAG-29 from MAG-26," Pridgen explained. "He is always about 'mission first, people always,' which is consistent with our tenet at HMH-461. Those same words greet 'Ironhorse' Marines every day they come to work."

## Owens takes command of 'War Eagles'

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale  
correspondent

Colonel Mark D. Mahaffey, Marine Aircraft Group-29 commanding officer, relinquished command to Col. Christopher S. Owens during a change of command ceremony held here July 15.

Mahaffey served as commanding officer of MAG-29 for approximately two years.

"It's the best job in the aviation colonel command," he said. "From dealing with the broad issues that arise, to working with the wonderful squadron commanders, it's all about working toward a common goal."

Owens' last assignment was as director of the School of Advanced Warfighting in Quantico, Va.

"I'm excited to be here," said Owens. "I realized very quickly how busy MAG-29 is and how busy we're going to stay."

He said he looks forward to the

challenges that await him.

"We will continue to rotate squadrons and welcome squadrons back. We will be standing up the first tactical tiltrotor squadron next year, and the preparation for that will get more intense soon. We have a lot to keep us busy," he said.

According to Mahaffey, the MV-22 Osprey will play an important role in the MAG's future.

"The future of MAG-29 and Marine rotor wing aviation is focused on the introduction of the MV-22," he said. "It revolutionizes the way we do business."

During the ceremony, Mahaffey was awarded the Legion of Merit. His other decorations include the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

Owens graduated from Portland State University in 1982 and was commissioned a second lieutenant that same year. He reported to Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., in July 1983 and earned his "wings of gold" in

September 1984.

He deployed to Okinawa twice while assigned to HML-367 in 1985 and 1987 and graduated from the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course in 1987.

After graduating from the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in 1995, he was selected to attend the School of Advanced Warfighting.

Assuming command of Marine Light/Attack Squadron-169 in November 2000, he saw the squadron earn the honor of HML/A Squadron of the Year.

Owens' personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Navy Achievement Medal.

"MAG-29 has a great, well-earned reputation for getting the mission done safely," he said. "I'm glad to have the opportunity to come back to the fleet and to be aboard New River."

## Preble steps down as MATSS head

Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale  
correspondent

Lieutenant Col. Richard B. Preble stood down as director of Marine Aircrew Training Systems Squadron during a retirement ceremony here Friday.

Preble has served as director since June 2004.

"It's been a wonderful career," he said. "I'm leaving on a high note. I'm going to miss the Corps, but I'm excited about retiring."

He said his time at MATSS has presented a "fantastic challenge" because the organization is a prototype for the future of the Marine Corps.

"It was my charge to develop the processes we are going to use here to train our aviators, then implement and eventually

export those processes," said Preble. "Our job was to set the stage for what everyone else will do in the future."

According to Barry R. Fetzer, MATSS deputy director, one of the unique elements of MATSS is the fact that most of its workforce is comprised of civilians.

"We have two Marines, five civil servants and 40-plus contractors, he said. "Lt. Col. Preble's past experience in working with civilians has been invaluable. He is a leader who allows people to do their jobs."

In the time since Preble became director, MATSS has added a third MV-22 Osprey full flight simulator, made a major modification to its AH-1W Super Cobras simulator and added network capabilities to many of its other simulators.

Preble said he will continue to work in the aviation simulation field after his retirement.

# Station Marine earns Aviation Ground Officer of Year Award

Sgt. Juan Vara  
contributor

The “Patriots” of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 are celebrating another success story as their aircraft maintenance officer was selected as the recipient of the 2005 Marine Corps Aviation Association’s Earl Hattaway Marine Aviation Ground Officer of the Year Award.

Captain Tony Dill, from Bedford, Va., was nominated earlier this year for the award because of his innovative and unprecedented leadership and was announced the winner July 18.

According to Lt. Col. Carmine J. Borrelli, MALS-26 commanding officer, Dill’s expertise has enabled the unit to provide Marine Aircraft Group-26 sustained high aircraft readiness for employment in the Global War on Terrorism in the midst of a recurring high operational tempo.

Borrelli, from Yonkers, N.Y., said Dill’s style of leadership, technical knowledge and attention to detail have developed the maintenance effort in the squadron toward the highest standards of aircraft configuration control and suitability.

“Captain Dill has gone beyond the scope of accepted maintenance

practice, implementing leading processes such as Lean Manufacturing and Theory of Constraints, which contribute directly to exceptionally high combat readiness,” said Borrelli. “I am extremely pleased to see Capt. Dill win this award.”

Dill, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1984 and moved up the ranks to where he is today, remains humble and said the credit to this achievement goes to everyone who works or has worked around him.

“A lot of Marines around me and those who’ve come before me are the ones who deserve the credit,” said Dill. “It started with the mentoring and training from others who used to be my bosses and passed on to me the knowledge to be able to sit in this position today. I’ve been fortunate over the years to have had great leaders and great Marines to work with.”

According to Dill, every Marine in the squadron has done a remarkable job creating noteworthy improvements throughout the squadron and MAG-26, and that makes his job easier.

“Our readiness speaks for itself,” he said. “We have goals we try to achieve, and every Marine in the squadron understands that the contribution they make on a daily basis

means readiness for the squadrons on the flightline. The squadrons see that we bend over backwards to listen and understand what they need and we, as their logistics support element, obtain those items they require to ultimately support the warfighters on the ground.

“The Marines in our squadron understand that, they believe in it and they practice it. Each day brings them different challenges and they’re succeeding. They’ve done a remarkable job and I’d say there’s no better

group of Marines that I could work around. They’re all exceptionally talented and professional.”

Colonel Thomas M. Murray, MAG-26 commanding officer and St. Paul, Minn., native, said Dill’s intelligent, forward-thinking approach to aviation logistics is distinctly exceptional and continues to make a long lasting impact on the combat readiness of the group.

“He is eminently qualified and well deserving of this prestigious award,” said Murray.



Sgt. Juan Vara

Captain Tony Dill, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 aircraft maintenance officer, is the recipient of the 2005 Marine Corps Aviation Association Earl Hattaway Marine Aviation Ground Officer of the Year Award.

## Station home to awards

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola  
correspondent

Four squadrons here were awarded the 2004 Chief of Naval Operations Aviation Safety Award.

The “Warriors” of Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167, the “Blue Knights” of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365, the “Raging Bulls” of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-261 and the “Thunder Chickens” of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263 were each recognized for the pursuit of excellence and achievement in mishap free operations.

“We managed risks from maintenance actions to flight operations and from lieutenant colonel to private first class; we’ve done everything right,” said Lt. Col. Robert S.

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Barr, HMM-365 commanding officer. "What you strive for is mission accomplishment which is a by-product of safety. I honestly believe that aviation mishaps are nearly 100 percent preventable."

According to Naval Operations Instruction 1650.28, the award is based on a number of statistics from the squadron's performance, including: total flight hours, aircraft ground mishaps and its mission-capable rate.

"The award really speaks to the professionalism of the Marines in HML/A-167 and their sound decision-making," said Lt. Col. Lawrence E. Killmeier, "Warriors" commanding officer. "This is part of the squadron's everyday work ethic and day-to-day abilities."

"We expect to be in there next year," he added. "We expect nothing less."

The everyday focus on mission accomplishment and safety for Station squadrons is a key reason why four were recognized and some, like HMM-365, are approaching historical records for squadron safety performance, said Barr.

"In November 1989, HMM-365 achieved a record 97,400 mishap-free flight hours," said Barr. "We're on track to reach that goal again."

In addition, the Marine Corps Aviation Association also announced that four Station Marines were selected for 2d Marine Aircraft Wing awards.

Captain Greg J. Pawson, a pilot with decommissioned Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-263, was selected as the Alfred A. Cunningham Aviator of the Year. Capt. Tony Dill, Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-26 ground officer, was awarded the Earle Hattaway Aviation Ground Officer of the Year and Staff Sgt. Kurtis D. Voss, MALS-26 supply chief, was named the Jack W. Demmond Aviation/Ground Marine of the Year. Gunnery Sgt. John H. Kreitzer, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-365 avionics chief was awarded the Paul G. Vess "Avionics Marine of the Year."

## Station Marines provide positive examples to visiting kids

**Lance Cpl. Brandon M. Gale**  
correspondent

Fourteen youths and two chaperones from MENTORS, a North Carolina Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program, visited the Station and toured several duty sections July 16.

According to the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service's Web site, www.ces.ncsu.edu, the program is a non-profit organization involving 62 counties and is designed to match court-involved and "at risk" youth with adult volunteers who serve as positive role models.

"The kids we work with have usually been to a teen court for some reason or have been in trouble at school," said Christie R. Hasson, MENTORS volunteer coordinator. "When we match them with an adult volunteer for one

year, we start to see their grades go up and their aggression levels go down."

Hasson said she tries to plan at least one trip or activity once a month, and when she found out that the group made a successful visit to New River a few years ago, she contacted Single Marine Program coordinator Patrick Highers to try and bring the kids back.

Several Marines from SMP volunteered to stay with the group throughout the day.

"I thought it would be a good experience for me and for the kids," said Lance Cpl. Amber N. Arbec, Marine Aircraft Group-29 nuclear, biological and chemical specialist. "Some of the kids asked a lot of questions. It showed they were being attentive."

The group saw demonstrations by the Marines of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting, Military Police District K-9 handlers and their working

dogs, and the air traffic control tower.

The ARFF Marines allowed the children to hold some of the tools they use in their job, and they ended their demonstration by spraying the kids with cold water from their hoses to cool them off from the sun's heat.

The MPD visit included a demonstration of the working dog's capabilities and a brief on their duties here.

"The kids had a great day," said Hasson. "It exceeded what I thought we would be able to do. The fact that the Marines took time out of their Saturday to be with them, meant a lot to the kids."

She said some of the children asked how soon they could come back.

"They said their favorite parts were getting sprayed with the hose and seeing the dogs attack," she said.

## Rock concert strikes a chord for barracks Marines

**Lance Cpl. Michael Angelo**  
correspondent

Approximately 150 Marines and Sailors attended the Marine Corps Community Services rock concert at the Station Enlisted Club on July 22.

The concert's main act was Zero 4, a band comprised of Marines from Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 and Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204.

The objective was to put on a show for Marines living in the barracks, said Patrick Highers, the Single Marine Program director.

"It feels great being able to play for a good cause," said Zero 4 bassist Sgt. Kenneth J. Rhoades. "Whatever I can do to help give something back; we all feel that way."

Also performing were local rock bands Slave Machine and Unkept. Each band played for an hour and interacted with the crowd before opening

for Zero 4.

The concert was a joint effort between the Station SMP, the E-Club committee and MCCA, said Highers.

"The E-Club committee was in charge of the security, MCCA handled the advertising and the SMP was in charge of the costs," said Highers.

In attendance was WXQR 105.5 and volunteers from the Jacksonville Hooters served drinks.

According to Highers, the concert was just one step the SMP, MCCA and the E-Club committee have taken to improve the quality of life on Station.

For more information about upcoming SMP events, contact Patrick Highers at 449-5846.

Marine Corps Community Services hosted a rock concert at the Station Enlisted Club on July 22. Three bands performed during the concert: Zero 4, Slave Machine and Unkept. The goal of the concert was to boost the quality of life on Station for Marines living in the barracks.



Pfc. John D. Cranford



# Evil never safe from 'Ironhorses'

Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola  
correspondent

Evil usually believes that it's safe. Twisted men with diseased minds and worse tactics often believe they're able to hide in their caves, their bunkers or their familiar terrain.

In the era of modern warfare, the Marines use of power projection, military agility and precision has become terror's wraith, making our enemies waking hours a living nightmare. Often operating out of a combined arms, Marine Air/Ground Task Force, the Corps is able to reach out and touch someone in a short period of time.

The "Ironhorses" of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461 train hard in their CH-53E Super Stallions to provide air support to a MAGTF and keep evil at bay, showing it June 29 by practicing a rapid ground refueling operation at Marine Corps Outlying Field, Oak Grove, N.C.

The RGR capability transforms the Super Stallion into a moving gas station, utilizing its ability to carry a fuel-heavy internal tank to fly forward and top-off just about any aircraft or ground vehicle, including tanks, in the area. This tactic can keep attack helicopters in a forward area longer to provide close air support and can also extend the range of ground vehicles to support blitzkrieg movements into enemy territory.

"You can do it anywhere, at anytime or place. You need to have a designated clear area and set this up," said 1st Lt. David J. Bachta, HMH-461 co-pilot during the operation. "Other aircraft could use our site as a jumping-off point for other operations. It's a pretty amazing capability."

According to Capt. John P. Maher, HMH-461 pilot, the initial purpose of the tactical bulk fuel delivery system and rapid ground refueling program was to keep light armored vehicles ahead of advancing units. The ingenuity of the Marines led to their ability to use the tactic to refuel a number of different platforms, said Maher.

"This is a force multiplier and can extend the range of both ground and aviation assets," said Maj. Archibald M. McLellan, HMH-461 pilot. "TBFDS allows us to get gas any way we can. It's a tremendous capability."

"This is such an important system for us to use," added Maher. "A single tank (of fuel) can extend the range of an aircraft by about an hour and a half."

At the start of a TBFDS or RGR operation, one Super Stallion is designated as the "fat cow" on gas and finds a

mission site below enemy radar that's covered by terrain and blocks the view of the incoming and outgoing fuel-needy vehicles, said Bachta. The area necessary to accomplish the mission is comparable to the infield of a baseball diamond.

From touchdown to full setup normally takes 30 minutes, but can be cut in half during a hasty stop, said Maher. During this training evolution, the crew was ready to dispense fuel to the UH-1N Huey in approximately 20 minutes.

"This was a great opportunity for us to exercise the system," said Maher. "If you don't get out there and practice the system then obviously you're not going to know a lot about it."

The actual fueling represented a small portion of the work necessary to turn a heavy lift helicopter into an approximately 69,750 pound gas pump. Crew chiefs are in charge of installing the internal tanks as well as the setup and breakdown of fuel lines that make the RGR capability run with efficiency.

The efficiency of both pilots and crew chiefs were on display during their training evolution as the Huey landed, was fueled and was airborne minutes later. The Super Stallion was re-packed and off the ground soon after, the high-tech spectacle a fading memory in the rotor wash.

Through training and practice, TBFDS and RGR keep the air combat element alive.

"TBFDS is range extension," said Maher. "Fuel is life. As long as you have gas, you can keep going."

With the capability to keep our forces moving always forward, TBFDS and RGR operations are a key tactic in maintaining the Marines' ability to take the fight anywhere necessary.

Due to these training operations and precise execution in the field, there isn't a door evil can cower behind that Marines, with their capabilities, can't kick down.



(Above) The Huey arrives on the scene and is guided quickly to an appropriate landing zone to begin the rapid ground refueling process. (Below) The Huey lands in the designated area where it will be refueled. RGR keeps close air support in the area of operations for extended periods of time.



(Top) Two CH-53E Super Stallions land at the rapid ground refueling site and begin to set up for the incoming UH-1N Huey on June 29. (Middle) Marines from Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461 connect heavy duty hoses as they prepare to fuel the incoming Huey. (Above) The whole refueling process can be completed in less than 15 minutes under fire.



A crew chief with Marine Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 attaches the main fuel line from the CH-53 to the UH-1N Huey and begins the process of refueling.



# CMC: Happy birthday, 2d MAW



Saipan, Guadalcanal, Tinian and Guam, forging a well-earned reputation for courage under fire and aerial prowess.

From those early days over the Pacific, the Marines of 2d MAW have repeatedly distinguished themselves at the Chosin Reservoir, at

Sixty-four years ago, as the dark clouds of the Second World War gathered, the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing was formed on July 10 in San Diego. Soon tested in combat, the wing distinguished itself over the skies of Wake Island, Okinawa, Midway,

Marble Mountain in Vietnam, over Grenada and Beirut, in the battle of Khafgji, and most recently, over the streets and deserts of the Al Anbar province in Iraq. Battle-tested in every decade since its inception, each generation of Marines has added luster to the enduring legacy of the 2d MAW.

As we celebrate this anniversary, it is fitting to reflect on the contributions and sacrifices of those who have gone before us. We also note with pride the accomplishments of those now serving with distinction in harm's way. All Marines share in your commemoration, and wish you continued success.

Semper fidelis and keep attacking!  
M. W. Hagee,  
General, U.S. Marine Corps,  
Commandant of the Marine Corps



## Practice ORM, the life saved could be your own

## DeLalio prepares for new school year

Pfc. Jonathan A. Tabb  
correspondent

DeLalio Elementary School will begin its 2005-2006 school year on Aug. 25 for kindergarten through fifth grade students, and Sept. 6 for pre-school.

DeLalio's staff has spent the last several weeks preparing for the upcoming year's curriculum, said Carol J. Batchelor, school principal, and she attributes the school's success to the presence of the Marine Corps.

"The overriding factor in our success is the Air Station community and its Marines," she said. "(Col. Stephen L. Forand, Station commanding officer) has been a big supporter of our school. He attends special events and is one of our biggest volunteers."

Batchelor said the school has an outstanding record of success – not only through academic performance, but also with overall discipline.

"There's no doubt that while we have a well-trained staff and great children, it's the community and their support that makes this school successful. We're truly a family and I am blessed to be able to work here," Batchelor explained.

Each new school year, the staff selects a theme that helps capture school spirit. The theme for the coming school year is "Reach for the Stars," said Batchelor.

She said the fact that many of these students are the children of Station Marines will also help emphasize the theme.

"Most of their parents are involved in some way with aviation. When you talk about reaching for the stars, you're talking about setting goals," she said.

Batchelor said there are a few details about the school year that many parents may not be fully aware of, such as parents who may wish to enroll their children and possibly being turned down if they do not live on Station and do not have a housing letter indicating their intent to move here.

Another issue is that, while in the past the military police were crossing guards for children who walk, increased deployment rotations prevents their assistance this year. As a result, Batchelor said the school is utilizing volunteers instead.

For more information about enrolling at the school, call Carol Batchelor at 449-0601 or to volunteer as a crossing guard, contact Gunnery Sgt. Woodrow C. Owens, Military Police District operations chief, at 449-5736.



# Book review: 'Generation Kill' by Evan Wright

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola  
correspondent

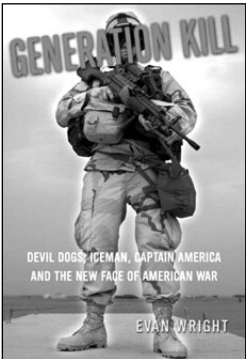
To kill. It's celebrated in the blast furnaces of Parris Island and San Diego. It's passed on to us by generations of warriors who swam in a sea of blood. Marines are taught to become ministers of death, praying for war: a generation of killers roaming modern battlefields.

However, shortly after crossing the line of departure March 20, 2003, as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom I, the Marines of 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, Camp Pendleton, Calif., confronted a thousand nightmares in an unholy place.

Evan Wright's "Generation Kill: Devil Dogs, Iceman, Captain America and the New Face of American War," chronicles individual Marines, their commanders and battalion level operations within 1st Recon as they swept "swift, silent and deadly" across Iraq and into Baghdad, at the tip of the military spear.

Wright is a reporter imbedded with a fireteam, criss-crossing lunar-desert landscapes and bombed-out towns in highly mobile multi-wheeled vehicles, surrounded by the modern face of warfare: young kids with rifles, officers with leadership issues and a generation of fighting men far different from the World War II era "greatest generation."

Wright himself explains it best saying, "These young men represent what is more or less America's first generation of disposable children. Before the 'War on Terrorism' began, not a whole lot was expected of this generation other than the hope that those in it would squeak through high school without pulling too many more mass shootings in the man-



This 354-page book tells the story of a new generation of Marines.

ner of Columbine."

Instead, Wright would witness men, "on more intimate terms with video games, reality TV shows and Internet porn than they are with their own parents," fight with honor and wage war with unparalleled skill and determination, no different from the Marines who came before.

At the core of the novel, Wright paints the portraits of the individual Marines around him, forced to operate outside of their conventional reconnaissance doctrine and participate in a blitzkrieg-like operation that crashes into the hazy "fog of war," where civilians and enemy combatants often meet with the same fate.

The feel and nature of the novel can be summed up by an unnamed Marine who said, "War doesn't change anything. . . . This place was [expletive] before we came, and it's [expletive] now."

The Marine who made that statement has since signed on again for another mission, another example Wright uses to illustrate the sacrifice and honor the modern Marine brings to the battlefield.

After reading Wright's novel, the St. Louis Dispatch said, "if anything, (the Marines) are, to a man, enthusiastic exemplars of the contemporary warrior ethos - and all Americans in whose name they are fighting should understand just who they are."

## Roto View

*If you could be any rank in the Marine Corps, what would it be and why?*



Answer: Gunnery Sergeant

"That's the guy you go to. You need anything, you go see the gunny."

Sgt. Robert G. Bowker  
kennel master,  
Headquarters and  
Headquarters Squadron,  
Toms River, N.J.



Answer: Lieutenant

"You're fresh from training and more open to new ideas, innovations and weapons tactics."

1st Lt. George D. Camia  
supply officer,  
School of Infantry East,  
Camp Geiger,  
Oxnard, Calif.



Answer: Sergeant

"You're at the top of the food chain, but you still get to work hands-on with your Marines."

Sgt. Vernon L. Cherry  
watch commander,  
Headquarters and  
Headquarters Squadron,  
Pittsburgh

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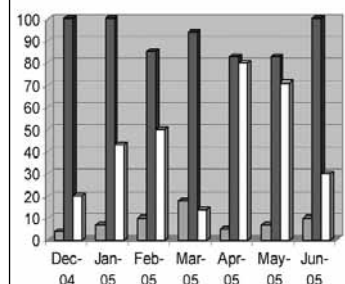
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# OpEVALS COMPLETE, 'OSPREY' READY TO PROVE ITS METTLE



An MV-22 Osprey performs a low-approach tactical troop insertion during an aerial demonstration held by Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 on July 13. The demonstration was only a small part of the historic day, as VMX-22 and other Department of Defense employees celebrated the end of the operational evaluation of the MV-22 Osprey. According to Lt. Gen. Mike Hough, the deputy commandant of aviation, the Osprey could be selected for full-time, deployable service as early as 2007.

Story and photos by  
Cpl. Steven R. Sawyer  
correspondent

Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 marked the completion of its operational evaluation of the MV-22 Osprey on July 13.

The "Argonauts" began the historic day with an aerial demonstration of the Osprey's capabilities, including low-altitude flyby's, a tactical troop insertion, and ending with an example of the Osprey's superior handling and mid-air maneuverability.

"What we have here is a modern day, 21st century capability," said Lt. Gen. Mike Hough, the current deputy commandant of aviation.

According to Col. Glenn Walters, VMX-22 commanding officer, though the Osprey has had its shortcomings, it passed its OpEval with "flying colors."

The Osprey was first selected as the medium lift replacement helicopter of the vintage CH-46E Sea Knight helicopters in February 1995, but the idea behind using a tiltrotor aircraft in military operations was introduced in 1981 by then Secretary of the Navy John Lehman.

In 1982, the Joint Advanced Vertical Lift Aircraft was put into design, becoming the predecessor to the Corps' current line of MV-22s. As development proceeded, the Marine Corps oversaw the project, keeping close watch on the



The "Argonauts" of Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 hover above the northeast field here during an aerial demonstration July 13. "What's special to me is it's absolutely unique," said Lt. Gen. Mike Hough, deputy commandant of aviation. "It's a capability that no one has grasped yet. Over the last three or four years, we've gotten rid of all the myths, all the bad things people said about this airplane. This has proven to be an exquisite aircraft."

unique aircrafts progression.

Now, according to Walters, after numerous setbacks and two fatal crashes, the Osprey has passed its rigorous three-month testing phase, which included more than 752 flight hours in 170 missions, taking the aircraft through as many plausible combat and maintenance issues as possible.

Walters said that the OpEval included hundreds of approaches, landings, take-offs and low-altitude flights in mountain and desert environments. Flight ranges and limitations where also tested, as one exam had the Osprey's flying more than 2,660 nautical miles with one aerial refueling.

One test, called ground-based

short take-off/landing, required the Osprey to clear a 50 ft. ground obstacle after a 3,000 ft. ground run with 54,700 lbs. The Osprey made it in less than 934 ft., according to Walters.

According to Air Force Col. Craig Olson, the MV-22 program manager, the Navy's operational evaluation commander has certified the results, and the Osprey met all its essen-

tial requirements and operational issues, and even exceeded many of its maintainability and readiness goals.

Hough went on to express how the Osprey could be incorporated into the air combat element of current Marine Expeditionary Unit tactics.

"A (CH-53E) in concert with this airplane is vital," said Hough. "A (Super Stallion) will lift 30,000 lbs., while (the Osprey) will lift 10,000 lbs. That's why you need both working in tandem for operational sea basing. It's incumbent that both of those airplanes are available to the unit commander for operations from the sea."

Though the Osprey is currently costing the United States \$71.1 million per aircraft, Hough said having the craft in the Marine Corps arsenal is exactly what's needed to keep the Corps on the cutting edge of warfighting.

Many may say that the Osprey has already cost the Marine Corps and the United States as a whole enough, particularly with the deaths of 30 men during its previous testing phases. Hough said he disagreed.

"They didn't die in vain. They died to prove this (aircraft) would work," concluded Hough. "We are going to make good on what they did for this country."

*Editor's note: Though OpEval is complete, testing of the MV-22 is scheduled to continue until the aircraft is deemed ready for duty by Headquarters Marine Corps.*



An Osprey flies over Jacksonville, N.C., July 13, as Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22 allows members of the media and special guests to become the first non-Department of Defense passengers on the cutting edge craft. The \$71.1 million aircraft has been in design for more than 20 years and has gone through several evaluations as all branches of the United States armed services, at one time or another, gauged the Osprey's potential.



(Left) Two of the Marine Corps' most recent acquisitions taxi onto the airfield after a flight July 13. The Osprey recently underwent a rigorous three-month operational evaluation cycle with Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22, and according to Lt. Gen. Mike Hough, deputy commandant of aviation, passed successfully.



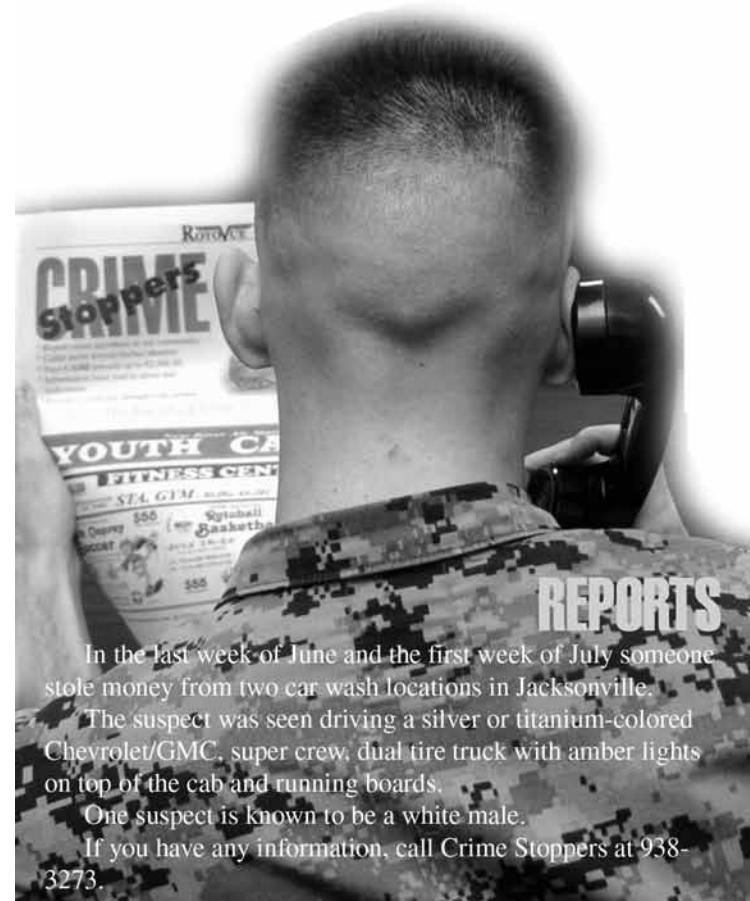
(Right) Air Force Col. Craig Olson, MV-22 program manager, gives a briefing July 13 to members of the media about the performance of the Osprey during the recent operational evaluation by Marine Tiltrotor Test and Evaluation Squadron-22. According to Olson, the Navy's OpEval commander has certified the results, recording that the Osprey passed all essential requirements.





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In the last week of June and the first week of July someone stole money from two car wash locations in Jacksonville.

The suspect was seen driving a silver or titanium-colored Chevrolet/GMC, super crew, dual tire truck with amber lights on top of the cab and running boards.

One suspect is known to be a white male.

If you have any information, call Crime Stoppers at 938-3273.



# 26th MEU TRAP platoon ready for call

Gunnery Sgt. Mark E. Bradley  
contributor

ABOARD USS KEARSARGE -- Each day as the helicopters and jets of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-162 (Reinforced) fire up the engines for flight operations here, the call sounds out over the ship's public address system "Set TRAP alert 120," and approximately 24 Marines and one Sailor from 1st Platoon, Golf Company, Battalion Landing Team, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment spring to action.

TRAP stands for tactical recovery of aircraft and personnel. It's a critical mission the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) must be prepared to execute on a moments notice. Should a pilot go down in a hostile environment, every second counts.

Their primary mission is to safely recover the pilot.

Secondary TRAP missions may include repairing the downed aircraft so it can be flown back to the ship, or in an extreme case, destroying it in place with explosives to prevent it from falling in enemy hands.

The "alert 120" is just one of several levels of readiness applied by the team to ensure they are prepared to respond quickly if the call comes in. It means the team can launch a TRAP mission in 120 minutes.

"Alert 120" is actually the second stage in a four-level alert status. The first stage is "alert 180" where the team simply ensures it has 100 percent accountability of each team member and all their gear.

The second stage is alert 120. This alert level is established here each day aviation missions are scheduled to take the aircraft inland. Each "alert 120" has ended the same to this point with the Marines gathering up their gear and standing down at the conclusion of the flight schedule.

The final two alert levels are ones that everyone hopes will not have to be used during this deployment, as they signal an actual incident.

"I would not want to actually be called, because that might mean that one of our own is hurt," said Sgt. Diego M. Gonzales, the 21-year-old team leader for TRAP platoon search team one. He went on to say that should that day come, he and the rest of the platoon are ready. "I have good confidence in our team, and I know the mission will get done right," he said.

Gonzales, a native of Santa Fe, N.M., went on to say that due to

the extensive pre-deployment training, every member of the team knows his job inside and out.

He said if there ever was a man down waiting to be rescued, and he could tell him one thing in advance, it would be that "he is going to be in good hands with 1st Platoon."

The TRAP team has several configurations that are employed based on the mission at hand, explained Gonzales.

All configurations are built around two or three search teams of four or five men each and the headquarters element.

The first priority of a TRAP mission is for the headquarters element to establish security and a base of operations in the landing zone. Next, it's up to the search teams to use their training to locate the downed pilot.

Gonzales, along with the rest of 1st Plt., rehearsed TRAP missions extensively during the work-up cycle. He said when the team hits the ground, they have a good idea just where they are going to find their downed pilot.

Once the pilot is located, the team authenticates his identity in accordance with military standards. From there, the tempo of the operation depends heavily on any threats in the area, and the pilot's medical condition is assessed.

The hope is that if the team ever executes a recovery operation, they will find a healthy pilot ready to move to the helicopter on his own power. From this point on, the health of the pilot is the main concern, and the corpsman often calls the shots, Gonzales said.

"If we are moving him on a stretcher, and say his heart rate drops, if the corpsman says, 'Put him down,' we do it," he said.

The TRAP force also supports another similar operation where the focus is on bringing back the aircraft.

For example, if a helicopter pilot experiences difficulties in flight and has to land his aircraft in a less than desirable location, it is likely he and the crew may leave his aircraft behind and fly back with another helicopter on the same mission.

Whatever mission, the TRAP platoon remains a vital asset to the MEU as it continues operations in the Central Command area of responsibility. As Gonzales put it, "If something bad happens, we don't have to rely on outside assets, we have what we need internally."

To learn more about the 26th MEU (SOC), log on to [www.usmc.mil/26thmeu](http://www.usmc.mil/26thmeu).

# Servicemembers in Al Asad strive to win hearts, minds

Sgt. Juan Vara  
contributor

AL ASAD, Iraq -- The Marines and Sailors of Marine Aircraft Group-26 are going above and beyond when it comes to winning the hearts and minds of the Iraqi people.

Shortly after arriving here, a few servicemembers in the headquarters squadron began collecting toys, sports gear and kids' clothes to donate to those who need them most throughout western Iraq. The participation has increased, and they've collected more than 15,000 items that they've donated to the Iraqi people with the help of members of the 5th Civil Affairs Group, 2nd Marine Division.

Lieutenant Col. William A. Tosick, MAG-26 executive officer, said the idea of collecting items came up after being introduced to [www.anysoldier.com](http://www.anysoldier.com).

According to Tosick, something happened during his tour here last year as executive officer of Marine

Light/Attack Helicopter Squadron-167 that brought out his sharing and caring side.

"I was out flying one day searching for bad guys, and I was leading the section," said the AH-1W Super Cobra pilot who calls Jacksonville, N.C., home. "Whenever I fly, I try real hard not to fly right over the houses, I try to be a good neighbor, but I flew over one house and standing in the courtyard was a little girl with a bright red dress on."

"She looked up, saw the helicopter and got scared. She ran to her mom and planted her face on her mother's leg. I continued the mission, but I wanted to land and apologize because that's not what we're here to do."

Tosick hasn't forgotten the girl in the red dress, and now that he's back, he wants to show the community that the servicemembers here care about being good neighbors.

Assisted by Lt. Cmdr. Terry Eddinger, MAG-26 command chaplain, who introduced him to the

Web site where people offer to mail items for servicemembers here, they've requested items the Iraqi children can use.

Eddinger, a reserve Sailor from High Point, N.C., who's a seminary professor in his civilian life, has been overseeing the task of collecting items and coordinating with the members of the civil affairs group to take them to areas where there are needy children.

"(Eddinger) has been doing a great job calling all his contacts and through the folks at [anysoldier.com](http://anysoldier.com)," said Tosick. "We provide them with some of the good photos the civil affairs guys have taken for us."

And it hasn't been easy, said Eddinger. He had a difficult time tracking down the members of the civil affairs group because at the time the project started, there were two groups transitioning.

Once he tracked down who would take the items out to the community, he had to figure out what items he'd be asking for.



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AL ANBAR PROVINCE, Iraq -- Iraqi children smile after receiving toys from the 5th Civil Affairs Group, 2nd Marine Division. Marines and Sailors of Marine Aircraft Group-26 have gathered more than 15,000 items that members of 5th CAG have delivered to the needy in the community. The items come from many sharing supporters in the United States, including here on Station.

"I went to lunch once and ran into an Iraqi interpreter who I sat down with," said Eddinger. "He gave me a whole list of things the Iraqis would like, and I sent it to all my friends back home."

Several Marines and Sailors in the squadrons have taken up the

project themselves and have gathered approximately 3,500 items to donate.

"Some of the items come from churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals," said Eddinger. "There's also a lot of involvement from the squadrons, so this is not my project, this is a MAG-26 project. I oversee it and coordinate some things, but I couldn't do it alone."

In charge of counting, sorting and itemizing the hundreds of items that come in regularly are Petty Officer 3rd Class Daniel B. Wise and Petty Officer 1st Class Glen Christman. Wise, from Warrenton, Va., and Christman, a native of Valparaiso, Ind., are religious programs specialists in the group who serve as chaplains' assistants.

"We've been busy building up 'coalition forces,'" said Christman. "The Iraqis like seeing us not just with weapons in our hands chasing bad guys, but also giving them something they can use."

The sharing folks in the U.S. receive thank you notes from Eddinger and Christman as a token of appreciation. "We do it to let them know that if they ever want to send anything else we appreciate it," said Christman.

"It's really amazing," said Eddinger. "A lot of people, especially my students, appreciate that I came here and in some ways they would like to do something similar themselves, but they can't."

With a strong foundation, the program is going strong and there are no plans of terminating it.

"As a Cobra pilot I know that we're not going to win their hearts and minds by flying over their houses and scaring them," said Tosick. "If we can provide them with clothes and sports gear, maybe we can do it then."





Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola

Station Commanding Officer Col. Stephen L. Forand visits with football great Jim Brown on July 19. When Brown retired he was the all-time leading rusher in National Football League history and was elected to the Hall of Fame.

# Station helps host VIP tour

## Cleveland Browns support local Marines

Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola  
correspondent

Approximately 30 members of the National Football League’s Cleveland Browns front office visited here and Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., on July 19.

Lieutenant Gen. James F. Amos, II Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, hosted the event that was arranged with team owner Al Lerner, a long time supporter of the Marine Corps and its veterans, said Lewis C. Merletti, team executive vice president and chief operating officer.

“(Al Lerner’s) father was a Marine aviator and a captain,” said Merletti. “His father passed down to his son that Marine Corps spirit. Any way he can support the Marine Corps, he will.”

The tour group also included NFL Hall of Fame running back Jim Brown and Romeo Crennel, team head coach and the defensive coordinator of last season’s Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.

“It’s just nice to be able to come down and support the Marines,” explained Brown, who also starred in such films as “The Dirty Dozen” in 1967.

Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-461 provided two CH-53E Super Stallions and transported the group to II MEF head-

quarters where they met with Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., drill instructors and spoke with a squad of Marines from the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment about their recent combat experience, said Lt. Col. Bradley G. Stocker, II MEF special projects officer.

Stocker said the group fired an assortment of small arms and viewed a high-value target, capture scenario display by 1/8 Marines in the Modern Operations in Urban Terrain training town.

They also visited injured Marines in the Camp Lejeune Naval Hospital and attended a barbecue at Amos’ home, said Stocker.

“The Browns came away thanking the young Marines,” said Stocker. “They really enjoyed the day, and all the goals were accomplished. It was a win-win situation for everybody; it was a big success.”



Lance Cpl. Jeffrey A. Cosola

Lieutenant Gen. James F. Amos, II Marine Expeditionary Force commanding general, greets members of the National Football League’s Cleveland Browns management and front office. The group was given Marine desert digital camouflage uniforms for the day.



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## CNATT Marine has need for speed, safety, fun

Pfc. Jonathan A. Tabb  
correspondent

The smell of burnt rubber rises from the pavement as 25 individuals willingly put their lives at risk for the thrill of the race, zipping around corners at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour.

Sergeant Stephen D. Clark, Center for Naval Aviation Technical Training CH-53E Maintenance Training Unit instructor and Claremont, Calif., native said while motorcycle racing may not be the safest hobby, he's believes organized racing is the "only way to do it."

In 2001, Clark was street racing and got in an accident that wrecked both his bike and his body.

"I had a Suzuki GSXR 750, and I got a little too fast in a turn and didn't really know what I was doing," he said. "I was pretty banged up and my bike was looking even worse."

After healing, Clark decided to find a way to make his dangerous hobby just a bit safer.

"I went to the Ed Barge Racing School in Anniston, Ala., at a track called the Talladega Grand Prix Raceway," Clark explained. "They teach you about the basic lines on a racetrack, safety flags and their meanings. You get a lot of one-on-one instruction."

Clark said his wife, Darcie D. Clark, former Marine Corps administrative clerk and Santa Cruz, Calif., native, has been his biggest supporter. "She loves it," he said. "She also used to ride, but now she's my pit crew."

When a rider's bike faces negative effects such as low fuel or a flat tire, they pull over into the "pits" for refueling and repairs.

"You're so busy and so occupied with (happenings) on the track that you forget about what has to take place off the track," Clark said.

Darcie said she enjoys working in the pits for her husband so she can be there to support him and his hobby.

"I have always loved watching the races, but being so close to the action is much more exhilarating," Darcie explained. "I think my husband is an exceptional rider and can go as far as he wants in this sport."

Concerning the future of his high-speed hobby, Clark said, "I'll just keep doing it for fun. There are guys in their 40s who make several hundred-thousand dollars a year racing as a career. I just don't want it to become a job. I already have one of those."

Clark said he tries to emphasize motorcycle safety to anyone he talks to about the subject – especially when it concerns racing.

"I try to tell all my students to stay off the streets," he said. "There's a better place to do it, and it's called a track. Trust me."

According to Clark, as an amateur rider, he does not receive money to race. In lieu of pay, he receives discounts for gear by companies that sponsor him.

Clark races for the Championship Cup Series and his amateur racing number is 333.

For information about upcoming races go to [www.ccsracing.com](http://www.ccsracing.com).

## Men's softball team places 1st in Armed Forces State Championship

Pfc. Jonathan A. Tabb  
correspondent

The New River Men's Varsity Softball Team took first place at the Armed Forces State Championships held from July 8-10 at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C.

According to Sgt. Clint L. Hiller, Marine Medium Tiltrotor Training Squadron-204 airframes mechanic and team coach, the New River team competed against four other teams for a total of five games.

The first game was against one of the two MCAS

Cherry Point Intramural Softball teams, and New River defeated Cherry Point 29 – 1.

In game two, the Station lost to the Jacksonville Raiders, 25 – 20, but came back in game three against the second Cherry Point team for a 25 – 3 victory.

After winning the fourth game against the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune Men's Varsity Softball team 32 – 31, the New River team had to play the Jacksonville Raiders a second time for the championship game.

New River won the final game 6 – 5.

The next tournament is scheduled on July 30 at the Jacksonville Commons Softball Field.

## MARADMIN: All-Marine Golfers

Compiled by  
Rotovue Staff

According to Marine administrative message 319/05, the All-Marine Golf Championships are being held Sept. 11-17 at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Marines will be chosen to participate in the 72-hole tournament in which the top six men and the top three women participate in the Armed Forces Championship tournament held Sept. 18-24 also at Parris Island, S.C.

Marines interested in compet-

ing must submit applications in accordance with Marine Corps Order P1700.29 by Sept. 1.

Applications must include proof of a current handicap lower than four for men and below 14 for women.

Applications can be found at [www.usmc-mccs.org/sports](http://www.usmc-mccs.org/sports). The

completed application must also be endorsed by the Marines command, stating that the applicant can attend all events if selected.

Marines stationed at a command with a local Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit program must send their resumes through their local Semper Fit athletic director for their endorsement.

For more information about the tryouts, or to learn about opportunities to play sports in the Marine Corps, contact Nancy Haigh-Stankowski, Station MCCS intramural sports director at 449-5609.



## John Gunn's military sports highlights: Jacksonville Raiders returning to Lejeune's Liversedge Field

After a three-year hiatus, the Jacksonville Raiders semi-pro football team is returning to Camp Lejeune's Liversedge Field to play six home games during its 2005 season this fall.

"Part of the reason we chose to play at Lejeune is we've had a great deal of success there in the past," said Marine veteran John Davis, 2004 coach of the Raiders in the Mason-Dixon Football League. "The enthusiasm that Marines bring to the games as fans is inspiring for the team; there's just a great atmosphere for us at Lejeune."

The team, made up of local residents, military-servicemembers and others traveling from neighboring counties, has called Camp Lejeune home in the past, playing games at Liversedge Field during the 2000 and 2001 seasons before leaving in 2002.

The Raiders decided on Liversedge Field as its home stadium because of its successful history there and the positive environment created by the fans, said Davis.

"We are very excited to be playing at Camp Lejeune again."

All the Raiders home games at Liversedge Field are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday nights.

Ticket prices are \$8 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 8-11 and free for those age seven and under.

The team hopes to repeat the success of its 2002 season by reclaiming the Eastern Football Alliance National Championship, said Dominique Davis, Raiders' offensive coordinator.

"It's really good to be back to our real home, we love playing in front of the service members and their families," said Davis. "With the support of the military community at Camp Lejeune, we'll be able to win some games in front of the home crowd. The fans can be like an extra man on the field; we really hope that people will come out and cheer us on."

*Editors Note: Gunn is a member of the Marine Corps Combat Correspondent Assn., Marine Corps Intelligence Assn., Marine Corps Aviation Assn., Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and Naval Aviation Museum.*

# The frustrated wife and compatible companionship

Cmdr. Fred Hilder  
Marine Aircraft Group-29 chaplain



Today's question for Dr. James Dobson, Ph.D. psychologist, family expert and Christian author, is from frustrated wives. "What advice would you give to a woman whose husband just won't respond to her emotionally?"

Do you suggest that women should seek to meet some of their emotional needs outside of marriage?" You may be surprised at his response to this question.

Dr. Dobson: "That is precisely what I'm saying, particularly with regard to an emotionally vulnerable woman who is married to a stoic, unromantic man. If she looks to him as the provider of all adult conversation and the satisfier of every emotional need, their marriage can quickly run aground."

"He has no clue about how to deal with her 'soul hunger' or how to make her happy. When she begins to realize that he will never be what she wants of him, discontent begins to brew in the relationship. I have seen thousands of marriages flounder right at that point."

"What can be done, then?"

"A woman with a normal range of emotional needs cannot simply ignore them," he said. Something deep within her screams for fulfillment. One answer is for women in this situation to supplement what their husbands can give by cultivating meaningful female relationships. Having lady friends with whom they can talk heart-to-heart, study the Scriptures, laugh, cry and raise their children, can be vital to mental health. That is precisely how women dealt with social needs in centuries past.

"Many men worked sixty or seventy hours per week and had little time or energy for what might be called romantic activities. But a well-integrated society of women filled the void. They worked together, had babies together, cooked and canned together, and went

to church together. And somehow, it was enough.

"Why does feminine society not exist in the same way today?"

"Because many women are employed (the neighborhoods are empty) and because the world has become more mobile," he said. The extended family has disintegrated, and the culture has moved on. Thus, female companionship is often difficult to find, and many younger women, especially those with two or more preschoolers, abandon the search for friendship.

"It is simply too much trouble. To the young wives who are reading these words, I urge you not to fall into this pattern.

"Invest some time in your female friends – even though you are all busy. Resist the temptation to pull into the walls of your home and wish for someone to talk to. Stay involved as a family in a church that meets your needs and preaches the Word. Remember that you are surrounded by many other women with similar feelings. Find them. Care for them. Give to them. And in the process, your own self-esteem will rise. Then when you are content, your marriage will also flourish.

"It sounds simplistic, but that's the way we are made. We are designed to love God as social creatures who don't do well in isolation. Don't let that isolation happen to you." (Ref: Dobson, J., Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide, 2000)

Many opportunities are available for Marine and Navy wives to break out of the cycle of frustration. These include your unit spouse/family support group, the station chapel and local places of worship, the fitness center's weekday programs and personal trainer services, the Family Service Center's parent support, Key Volunteer/LINKS events at the Family Team Building, volunteering, such as with the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society and counseling services.

For more information, please call Family Service Center at 449-6110, MCAS New River Chapel at 449-6801, MAG-29 Chaplains office at 449-6866 or MAG-26 Chaplains Office at 449-7180.

# Station DEFY program to begin

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The Station is hosting the Drug Education For Youth program's eight-day summer camp Aug. 1-3.

One summer camp is currently in session.

DEFY is a self-esteem building program that provides kids with the tools they need to resist drugs, gangs and alcohol.

Initially developed by the Drug Reduction Task Force, DEFY is sponsored by the local command and is restricted to youths ages 9 – 12 from military families.

According to Shantell C. Britt, Station DEFY coordinator, some of the topics covered during the eight-day program are culture, community service, leadership, nutrition and peer pressure.

The mission of the DEFY program is to provide a drug demand reduction program that enhances family readiness, drug education, leadership and character develop-

ment, positive role model mentoring and community outreach.

According to Karen S. Slack, DEFY program camp director and Holly, Mich., native, DEFY focuses on building youngsters' self-image and stresses interpersonal relations, leadership and teamwork.

The program helps raise awareness of the harmful effects of peer pressure children may face to join gangs. The curriculum offers education, skill development and physical fitness programs.

Last year, the Station DEFY program became the first organization in the Marine Corps to be awarded the Length of Service Award for maintaining the program for three consecutive years, said Britt.

"You can expect to see the program to continue for many more years to come," said Britt.

For more information, call Britt at 449-6711 or Slack at 449-5259.

# Memorial Chapel services



Sunday Services  
Catholic 9 a.m.  
Protestant 11 a.m.



For more information, call the Memorial Chapel at 449-6801.

# Marine and Family Service Center

**Retired Affairs**  
Each Wednesday and Friday  
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The retired affairs representative can provide retired servicemembers and their spouses with information regarding benefits, entitlements, privileges and legal assistance. No appointments necessary.

**Play Morning**  
Each Thursday  
9:30 to 11 a.m.  
Youth Community Center

Play morning is a time for mom and dad to have fun with their children age six and under.

For more information, please call New Parent Support Program at 451-5286.

**Keystone Meetings for Teens**  
Each 1st and 3rd Friday  
6 to 7 p.m.

A Boys and Girls Club Program that offers an opportunity to gain leadership skills, participate in and earn community

service hours as well as social activities.

Come voice suggestions and plan events. On the 3rd Friday of each month a teen-selected prevention topic is presented.

**Anxiety Reduction Class**  
Aug. 1  
10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Anyone interested in learning new ways to manage anxiety and stress, come attend this workshop each Monday at the Marine Aircraft Group-29 Eagles Nest Lounge.

**Welcome Aboard Brief**  
Aug. 2  
8 to 11:30 a.m.

Anyone new to the Jacksonville area can attend the Welcome Aboard Brief at the Enlisted Club. Guests will have the opportunity to hear presentations from a variety of agencies, including Family Services, MCAS Branch Medical, Jacksonville Police Department, the USO and many more.

Following the briefs and information fair, stay for a free lunch and an afternoon bus tour of the area.

**Relaxation Techniques**  
Aug. 2  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Feeling overwhelmed? Come learn new ways to relax.

**Raising Children in a Non-Violent Home Part I**  
Aug. 9  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Through role playing exercises and practical techniques guests can learn conflict resolution.

**Pre-Separation Brief**  
Aug. 10  
7:15 a.m. to 4:20 p.m.

This mandated brief covers all required information for the servicemember and spouse separating from the military.

Topics discussed include: pay entitlements,

Veterans Affairs benefits, financial management, educational opportunities, transportation of household goods, job service and more.

Pre-registration is mandatory through the unit transition counselor.

**Kids With Deployed Parents Workshop**  
Aug. 11  
3:30 to 5 p.m.

This is a workshop for kids to get together, talk and make crafts to send to their deployed parent.

**Raising Children in a Non-Violent Home Part II**  
Aug. 16  
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Through role playing exercises and practical techniques, guests can learn conflict resolution.

For more information about programs or to pre-register for one of the classes, call 449-6110/6185 or visit our Web site at



LC10 LCTV-10 Schedule LC10

July 27 - Aug. 10

Show Title	Show Times
Emmanuel College .....	7:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 2 p.m.
The Morning Report .....	8 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m., 8 p.m., 12 a.m.
Air Force News .....	8:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 12:30 a.m.
Your Corps .....	9 a.m., 5 p.m., 1 a.m.
Army News .....	9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 1:30 a.m.
Jim Zumbo: Pilot .....	10 a.m., 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 2:30 a.m.
Famous Generals: Macarthur .....	10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m.; 3 a.m.
Wonders of North Carolina .....	11 a.m., 6 p.m., 11 p.m.; 3:30 a.m.
A Place Called Fairfield Harbour ....	11:15 a.m., 6:15 p.m., 11:15 a.m.
Inside R/C: HPI Savage Slam .....	11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 11:30 a.m.
The Pacific Report.....	12:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 4:30 a.m.
Navy/Marine Corps News.....	1 p.m., 9 p.m., 5 a.m.
Pentagon Ch. On Assignment .....	2 p.m., 10 p.m., 6 a.m.
Pentagon Ch. Studio 5 .....	2:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 6:30 a.m.

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CRAIG H. STREETER



How come the aviators always get the babes? It's gotta be the flight suits. There ain't no other logical explanation.

Safety Office Snippets Thunderstorms

Thunderstorms pose many hazards. They produce lightning and hail. Their torrential rains can trigger flash floods; their strong winds can create deadly tornadoes. About 100,000 thunderstorms occur in the U.S. each year; ten percent become severe. Here are several tips if the weather service issues a watch:

\*Tie down lawn chairs, picnic tables and trash cans or bring them inside.

\*Once a bolt of lighting flashes toward the ground, it strikes the tallest object in a predetermined, 50-yard radius. In other words, it won't "look for" a tall tree that is 100 yards away.

\*Stay as low as possible to avoid being the highest object. Squat down, but don't lie flat. Lightning strikes will seek the lowest point after contact.

\*If in the woods, avoid the tallest trees but stay away from clearings that are more than 100 yards across.

\*Thunder can be heard 10 miles away, unless the noise of rain and wind interferes. When lightning is sighted, count the number of seconds until thunder. Sounds travel one mile every five seconds. Most experts recommend 30 seconds (6 miles) as the signal to get to a safe location.

\*Wait 30 minutes after the last lightning bolt is seen or after having heard the last thunder clap before returning to activities.

\*Water doesn't attract lightning, but it is a great conductor.

\*A car is designed to protect you against a lightning strike by channeling the bolt through the cars metal structure and into the ground.

Station Theater Movies

July 27 - Aug. 8

Day/Date	Time	Title	Rating	Length
Wed. July 27	7 p.m.	Mr. and Mrs. Smith	PG-13	120 min.
Fri. July 29	7 p.m.	The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lava Girl	PG	93 min.
	9:30 p.m.	The Honeymooners	PG-13	90 min.
Sat. July 30	7 p.m.	The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lava Girl	PG	93 min.
	9:30 p.m.	Lords of Dogtown	PG-13	107 min.
Sun. July 31	3 p.m.	The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lava Girl	PG	93 min.
	6 p.m.	The Honeymooners	PG-13	90 min.
Mon. Aug. 1	1 p.m.	Secondhand Lions	PG	107 min.
	7 p.m.	The Honeymooners	PG-13	90 min.
Wed. Aug. 3	7p.m.	Batman Begins	PG-13	140 min.
Fri. Aug. 5	6:30 p.m.	Howl's Moving Castle	PG	119 min.
	9:30 p.m.	Batman Begins	PG-13	140 min.
Sat. Aug. 6	6:30 p.m.	Howl's Moving Castle	PG	119 min.
	9:30 p.m.	Batman Begins	PG-13	140 min.
Sun. Aug. 7	3 p.m.	Howl's Moving Castle	PG	119 min.
	6 p.m.	Batman Begins	PG-13	140 min.
Mon. Aug. 8`	1 p.m.	Shrek	PG	84 min.
	7 p.m.	George A. Romero's Land of the Dead	R	93 min.



The theater snack bar opens 30 minutes before the first movie and closes 45 minutes after the last movie begins. Movies and times are subject to change.



For more information, call the Station Theater at 449-6292 or 449-6528.

A \$1 admission fee is charged for ages seven and above.